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TO : AMBASSADOR BUNKER, SAIGON
CITE: WHS0035

MAY 1, 1970

REFS: (A) SAIGON. 249
(B) SAIGON 319

APOLOGIZE FOR DELAY IN RESPONDING TO REFERENCE (A).
WE WERE, OF COURSE, RELUCTANT HERE TO CONFIRM YOUR TRAVEL
PLANS PENDING OUTCOME OF RECENT PRESIDENTIAL DECISIONS.
YOU WILL BE RECEIVING CONFIRMATORY MESSAGE THROUGH STATE
CHANNELS ON YOUR VISIT TOGETHER WITH NECESSARY TRANSPORTATION
ARRANGEMENTS, WHICH ARE CONSISTENT WITH PLANS OUTLINED
IN PARAGRAPH 2, REFERENCE (B).

I HAVE PASSED TO THE PRESIDENT YOUR COMMENTS ON HIS SPEECH
AND YOU SHOULD KNOW HE IS DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR
UNWAVERING AND CONSISTENT SUPPORT THROUGHOUT THIS
DIFFICULT PERIOD.

CONCERNING PARAGRAPH 3, OF REFERENCE (B), WE HAVE TAKEN
MEASURES HERE TO INSURE THAT THIEU'S SENSITIVITY REGARDING ARMS
SHIPMENTS ARE CAREFULLY TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.

I ALSO AM MOST GRATEFUL FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL AND SAGE
COUNSEL DURING RECENT DAYS, ESPECIALLY FOR THE PROMPT AND
RESPONSIVE MESSAGE YOU AND GENERAL ABRAMS PREPARED DURING THE
EARLY MORNING HOURS OF APRIL 29.

I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU NEXT WEEK. BEST REGARDS.

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